

EMANUEL MORTER.

APRIL 26, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. GIBSON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2893.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2893) granting an increase of pension to Emanuel Morter, have examined the same and adopt the Senate report thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

[Senate Report No. 2422, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2893) granting an increase of pension to Emanuel Morter, have examined the same and report:

It is proposed by this bill as amended to increase from \$12 to \$24 per month the pension of Emanuel Morter, late of Company E, Seventy-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Soldier enlisted February 22, 1864, and was honorably discharged November 30, 1865. During service he bore the rank of private. He is now a pensioner under the act of June 27, 1890, at the rate of \$12 per month for rheumatism, disease of heart, and general debility. He has never filed a claim under the general law.

Claimant is 71 years of age, and the papers on file show him to be practically totally disabled for manual labor. He has not been examined since March 7, 1891, when he was rated \$10 for rheumatism and affection of heart and \$8 for general debility.

The papers on file in the Bureau show that claimant is very poor. He has been a common laborer, and has had no means of support except what he could earn. His advanced age and serious disability now render him incapable of performing labor of any kind, and he is dependent upon his pension.

In view of his faithful service of nearly two years, his total disability and great poverty, your committee report the bill back favorably with a recommendation that it pass.